

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lower South Platte WS - All Lands/Wildlife

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Lower South Platte WS - All Lands/Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Does the project address Riparian or Wetland habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Northern Leopard Frog, Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, Greenback Cutthroat Trout, Boreal Toad, Bald Eagle, Moose, Migratory Waterfowl, Rio Grande Turkey, Warm & Cold Water Fish, White-Tailed Deer, Shore Birds?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the project address Shortgrass Prairie habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Burrowing Owl, Swift Fox, Mountain Plover, Ferruginous Hawk, Pronghorn Antelope?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project address Mid-grass Prairie habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Elk, Pheasant, Mule Deer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project address Mountain Shrub habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native or economically important species: Prebles Meadow Jumping Mouse, Greater Sage Grouse, Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Elk, Merriam's Turkey, Mule Deer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project address Dry Cropland habitat improvements for any of the following at-risk, declining native, or economically important species: Plains Sharp Tail Grouse, Pheasant?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Do the planned practices address limiting factors for target species? [If yes, list target species and proposed practice(s)]. Species specific practices are found in Biology Tech Notes. If species is not in tech notes 1) for Riparian Areas - improve factors from the Proper Functioning Condition rating (refer to Process for Assessing Proper Functioning Condition TR 1737-9 1993, BLM) or 2) for Wetland Areas - improve the overall score from CO-WET (CO Amendment 190 GM 410.26).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Are other specific habitat enhancement, maintenance, or restoration projects within 1/4 mile of the proposed project? (If yes, identify and label on an attached map)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Are any of the following conservation buffers planned to provide enduring benefits for soil, water, air, water, and/or wildlife resource concerns: Contour Buffer Strips (332), Cross Wind Trap Strips (589C), Field Border (386), Filter Strip (393), Riparian Forest Buffer (391), Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)? (circle applicable buffers and note on map)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

9. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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